

I Am the True Vine

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- **1) Pruning**
- **2) Produce much fruit**
- **3) Process of remaining in Jesus.**

John 15:1-17

- 15 “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener.
- 2 He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.
- 3 You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you.

John 15:1-17

- 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.
- 5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:1-17

- 6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.
- 7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

John 15:1-17

- 8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.
- 9 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love.
- 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

John 15:1-17

- 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!
- 12 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.
- 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

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- 14 You are my friends if you do what I command.
- 15 I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.

John 15:1-17

- 16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.
- 17 This is my command: Love each other.

Pruning

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- b) Pruning saves the plant from diseased or dead branches.
- c) Pruning stimulates growth.

2) Produce more fruit

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Produce more fruit

- Jesus is the source of our production
- We are nothing without Jesus
- We must recognise that we are the branches and not the vine.

Galatians 5:22-23

- 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

John 15:1-2

- 15 “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He **cuts off** every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.

Αἴρω (Airo) – to raise, take up or lift up.

- 15 “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He **RAISES** every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.

Raise up on Trellis



Luke 17:11-13

- *11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and **called out** in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”*

John 11:41

- *41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus **looked up** and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.*

Acts 4:23-24

*23 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 When they heard this, they **raised their voices** together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.*

John 15:6

“6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.”

John 3:16

- 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

3) Process

- 9 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. **Remain in my love.**

Obey my Commandments

- *10 When you **obey my commandments**, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love.*

Obedience is an act of love



Love Each Other

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Lay Down one's Life

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John 15:17

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